

THE DEPARTMENT OF  
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Annual Statistics

2003 - 2004

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**MISSION**

The mission of the Department of Veterans' Affairs is to provide assistance to Nebraska's veterans and their dependents in acquiring county, state, and federal benefits to which they are entitled by virtue of their service to this country.

- Administer state benefit programs for qualified Nebraska veterans and their eligible dependents.
- Prepare and present cases on state and federal benefits for qualified Nebraska veterans and their eligible dependents before the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Service as an advocate for the veteran's position on all issues, legislative or otherwise, that impact their benefits.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

The Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs duties and organization are outlined in:

Article 3, Chapter 80, Section 305-308

Article 4, Chapter 80, Section 401-412

Article 9, Chapter 80, Section 901-903

Article 13, Chapter 12, Section 1301

The agency also has a complete set of Rules and Regulations on file with the Secretary of State.

**GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR 2003 – 2004**

LB407

\$702,312

Agency Operation

## **NEBRASKA VETERANS' AID FUND**

Nebraska Investment Council's Principal Investment of Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund as of June 30, 2004:

### **Value of Investments**

Bond Funds	14,033,530.32	47.36%
Equity Funds	<u>15,598,318.34</u>	<u>52.64%</u>
Total	29,631,848.66	100%

<b>TABLE I</b>
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Accumulated earnings available for distribution to needy applicants on July 1, 2003:

Short-Term Investment Pool	\$439,125.17
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<b>TABLE II</b>
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Accumulated earnings available for distribution to needy applicants on July 1, 2004:

Short-Term Investment Pool	\$392,976.60
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TABLE III
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This table shows the monthly income during Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

Amount Available for Aid July 1, 2003	\$ 439,125.17
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2003	July Receipts	\$206,833.80
	August "	1,462.76
	September "	4,227.10
	October "	1,081.10
	November "	173,817.33
	December "	1,077.35

2004	January Receipts	\$ 1,382.54
	February "	328,095.12
	March "	891.03
	April "	1,346.30
	May "	990.41
	June "	928.50

Total	\$907,752.04
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Prior Fiscal Year Adjustments	2,165.00	
Sales & Use Tax Exemption Refunds	\$ 1,078.00	\$ 910,995.04

TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$1,350,120.21
Less Amount Expended for Aid During 2003-2004 (Table V)	- 957,143.61

AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR AID JULY 1, 2004	\$ 392,976.60
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<b>TABLE IV</b>
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This table shows the monthly withdrawals for aid to veterans during 2003-2004.

2003	July Withdrawals	\$ 89,681.60
	August “	79,095.17
	September “	105,717.62
	October “	80,723.65
	November “	70,159.26
	December “	91,412.51
2004	January Withdrawals	\$ 82,810.70
	February “	86,506.83
	March “	78,832.95
	April “	77,236.44
	May “	70,132.12
	June “	54,464.40
Total		<hr/> \$ 968,773.25
Less Credits		\$ 11,629.64
TOTAL WITHDRAWALS FOR AID TO VETERANS		<hr/> \$ 957,143.61

TABLE V

Report of action taken on applications for Nebraska Veterans' Aid 2003-2004

APPLICATIONS	WW I VETERANS	WWII VETERANS	KOREAN VETERANS	VIETNAM VETERANS	LEBANON VETERANS	GRENADA VETERANS	PANAMA VETERANS	GULF VETERANS	PEACE TIME	TOTAL
BEGIN BAL FY 2003	(0)	(10)	(9)	(17)	(1)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(6)	43
RECEIVED DURING YEAR	(0)	(104)	(115)	(702)	(99)	(26)	(48)	(91)	(301)	(1486)
REOPENED	(0)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(0)	(0)	(1)	(2)	(10)
APPROVED	(0)	(88)	(81)	(468)	(62)	(16)	(31)	(63)	(204)	(1013)
DISAPPROVED	(0)	(12)	(34)	(204)	(33)	(6)	(15)	(26)	(90)	(420)
PENDING END YEAR	0	5	4	16	3	2	1	1	6	38
CANCELED	(0)	(12)	(7)	(29)	(3)	(2)	(0)	(2)	(8)	(63)
OF THOSE APPROVED										
MAINTENANCE	(0)	(9)	(24)	(362)	(58)	(16)	(31)	(59)	(165)	(724)
MEDICAL	(0)	(34)	(27)	(48)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(4)	(13)	(126)
FUNERAL	(0)	(45)	(30)	(58)	(1)	(0)	(0)	(1)	(26)	(161)

New Applications Received: 517

Apps Originated From Post: 1

TABLE VI

Average Allowance Per Claim:

1961 - 1962	\$100.07
1966 - 1967	\$133.85
1971 - 1972	\$169.95
1976 - 1977	\$168.62
1977 - 1978	\$199.44
1978 – 1979	\$229.02
1979 – 1980	\$250.46
1980 – 1981	\$258.71
1981 – 1982	\$285.71
1982 – 1983	\$306.16
1983 – 1984	\$330.86
1984 – 1985	\$361.01
1985 – 1986	\$381.50
1986 – 1987	\$392.16
1987 – 1988	\$402.98
1988 – 1989	\$449.31
1989 – 1990	\$498.88
1990 – 1991	\$518.14
1991 – 1992	\$512.04
1992 – 1993	\$544.97
1993 – 1994	\$593.65
1994 – 1995	\$624.87
1995 – 1996	\$680.07
1996 – 1997	\$683.74
1997 – 1998	\$823.48
1998 – 1999	\$825.54
1999 – 2000	\$904.62
2000 – 2001	\$951.85
2001 – 2002	\$926.00
2002 – 2003	\$963.14
2003 – 2004	\$956.34

TABLE VII AND TABLE VIII ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN FY 2003 - 2004

TABLE IX

Earnings and Expenditures to Needy Veterans from 1921 to June 30, 2003.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>NET INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS &amp; OTHER</b>	<b>EXPENDED FOR AID TO VETERANS</b>
1921-1965	\$5,606,537.11	\$4,590,665.05
1965-1966	286,896.75	200,870.49
1966-1967	312,598.69	229,035.36
1967-1968	266,657.69	288,983.40
1968-1969	288,683.54	379,085.85
1969-1970	429,695.01	451,863.65
1970-1971	462,130.19	563,917.85
1971-1972	490,396.50	566,678.18
1972-1973	503,356.38	563,922.34
1973-1974	527,091.71	674,250.90
1974-1975	490,910.24	809,642.51
1975-1976	526,142.96	670,112.08
1976-1977	631,444.30	561,847.51
1977-1978	716,470.64	611,754.62
1978-1979	813,409.69	669,776.65
1979-1980	880,716.94	760,643.56
1980-1981	921,354.89	875,404.36
1981-1982	1,042,882.32	956,136.74
1982-1983	1,008,931.32	1,096,673.37
1983-1984	980,267.09	975,710.54
1984-1985	964,394.34	1,029,916.87
1985-1986	1,077,417.14	1,137,889.73
1986-1987	1,049,000.57	978,974.23
1987-1988	982,040.03	875,157.94
1988-1989	946,037.86	846,603.70
1989-1990	1,078,694.23	898,159.51
1990-1991	1,084,870.97	963,845.57
1991-1992	1,093,368.24	873,458.69
1992-1993	1,069,455.69	893,111.20
1993-1994	1,039,318.86	903,947.92
1994-1995	1,065,978.54	910,679.62
1995-1996	1,138,396.60	945,238.21
1996-1997	1,060,387.93	1,083,710.62
1997-1998	1,089,848.19	1,303,995.46
1998-1999	1,075,403.31	1,326,705.33
1999-2000	1,143,104.11	1,387,251.99
2000-2001	1,248,916.46	1,503,356.31
2001-2002	1,004,949.56	1,353,929.44
2002-2003	968,257.14	1,214,381.21
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>37,366,413.73</b>	<b>36,927,288.56</b>



TABLE X
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JULY 1, 2003 TO JUNE 30, 2004

**NEBRASKA VETERANS HOME**

Applications Received	298
Pending from June 30, 2004	25
Total Acted Upon	305
Approved	284
Disapproved	2
Canceled	19
Pending	18

**WAIVER OF TUITION**

Applications Received	298
Pending from June 30, 2004	9
Total Acted Upon	317
Approved	302
Disapproved	8
Canceled	2
Pending	5

**TUITION CREDIT FOR ACTIVE RESERVISTS**

Applications Received	55
Applications Acted Upon	55

**DISCHARGES**

Discharges on File June 30, 2002	700,660
Discharges Received and Filed During FY 2003	3,516
Discharges on File June 30, 2003	704,176
Requests for Discharges	2,553

**GRAVE REGISTRATION CARDS**

Grave Registrations on File June 30, 2002	75,044
Grave Registrations Received During FY 2003	1,491
Grave Registrations on File June 30, 2003	76,535
Grave Registration Requests	4

**MISC.**

Governor's Welcome Home Letters	973
Presentation of High School Diplomas to WWII & Korean Veterans (Operation Recognition)	31

TABLE XI
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### STATE SERVICE DIVISION

Report on claims adjudicated by the Veterans' Administration during Fiscal Year  
2003 - 2004 on which the State Service Division held Power of Attorney.

CLAIMS APPROVED	9,221	
HEARINGS	130	
CLAIMS FILED	4,778	
RATINGS RECEIVED	4,512	
	<u>FAVORABLE</u>	<u>UNFAVORABLE</u>
DISABILITY BENEFITS:		
Compensation	3,583	993
Pension	1,538	120
DEATH BENEFITS:		
Death Indem. Comp.	73	82
Pension	347	69
Insurance	0	0
Burial	113	0
OTHER BENEFITS:		
Voc. Rehab. & Ed.	705	0
Miscellaneous	54	18
CONFIRMED & CONTINUED:		
Without Reduction	2,808	0
Reduced Amt. Conserved	0	505
TOTAL	<u>9,221</u>	<u>1,787</u>
POWER OF ATTORNEY	3,204	